

Whereas, in 1963, the "Ballad of Jed Clampett" became the first bluegrass song to reach the number one spot on the country music charts; and

Whereas, The Foggy Mountain Boys was one of the most successful bluegrass bands of all time and helped to influence generations of bluegrass musicians; and

Whereas, Earl Scruggs left The Foggy Mountain Boys in 1969 and formed the Earl Scruggs Revue featuring his son Randy Scruggs on guitar and vocals and his son Gary Scruggs on electric bass, vocals, and harmonica, and later, his son, Steve Scruggs on piano, guitar, and saxophone; and

Whereas, Earl Scruggs was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1985 and the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Hall of Honor in 1991 and was awarded the National Heritage Fellowship Award and the President's National Medal of Arts; and

Whereas, Earl Scruggs has been nominated for numerous Grammy Awards and has won four, including two for renditions of "Foggy Mountain Breakdown"; and

Whereas, Earl Scruggs was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on February 13, 2003; and

Whereas, Earl Scruggs is highly respected among musicians, which is evident from the many performers who have made guest appearances on his albums, including Bob Dylan, Elton John, Sting, Melissa Etheridge, Johnny Cash, and Don Henley; and

Whereas, Earl Scruggs has had a profound impact on bluegrass and country music and thus has earned the admiration of the people of this State and the world; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of native son Don Gibson and expresses its appreciation for his invaluable contributions to the music industry.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly wishes to pay tribute to native son Earl Scruggs for his accomplishments as a musician and for his role in helping to popularize bluegrass and country music.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Earl Scruggs and the family of Don Gibson.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of June, 2007.

Resolution 2007-39

House Joint Resolution 868

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF BROADWAY ON THE TOWN'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the Town of Broadway, located in Lee County, was founded in the 1870s by settlers who were mainly involved in the turpentine industry; and

Whereas, the Town's first post office was located in the General Store, which was owned by M.M. Watson, who served as postmaster; and

Whereas, the area began to thrive in part due to the development of Atlantic and Western Railroad in 1905; and